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Bulgarian industry actually began to expand after its nationalization in 1947. At that time, light industry was merely in its initial stage, whereas heavy industry hardly existed. Of the 6,100 enterprises affected by the nationalization, many were no more than workshops. Since that time, 373 large new enterprises have been established and 106 plants reconstructed at a cost of 10.7 billion leva (312 leva equal one US dollar). About four fifths of that amount has been used for the expansion of heavy industry. The high increase of machine production, 2,200 in the 1949 index, and metallurgical production, 3,400 in the 1949 index, (1939 equals 100), is based on the fact that in 1939 there was almost no production in these branches of industry.

In 1950, the greatest increase over 1949 was achieved by the metal industry (49.1 percent), machine building (46.6 percent) and shoes (60.5 percent). At present, the main emphasis is being laid on the improvement of standards and the widening of assortments. In 1950, the cotton industry produced 117 articles of various kinds, the wool industry 58, and the silk industry 58 various articles.

Before the war, Bulgaria had never produced any large-capacity transformers, dial telephones, electric motors, compressors, gas generators, concrete mixers and crushers, grinding and abrasive machinery, radioscopic equipment, drills, plcws, and other agricultural machinery. The production of this equipment was begun in 1950, and most of the machines are already being produced serially. Official communications also claim the domestic manufacture of streetcars, trucks, and locomotives, but presumably their production is still limited to a few models.

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